ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF WILMINGTON, NC 17TH STREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT NUMBER: PAV-IH-0915

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-129, sealed proposals addressed to the Purchasing Manager, PO Box 1810, 305 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Wilmington, NC 28402, and marked "17TH STREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS" will be received until **3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2015** at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Purchasing Division, 305 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Wilmington, NC. The City will receive SINGLE PRIME BIDS ONLY for this project.

The 17th Street Streetscape project will include upgrades to 17th Street between Wrightsville Avenue and Princess Place Drive. The project will provide for a more efficient transportation system by reduced travel speeds, removal of the lateral shift, improved pedestrian crossings, improved safety and enhance the aesthetics of the area. The project may also include aesthetic improvements that will enhance the entryway into Carolina Heights and provide a pocket park.

All firms submitting bids for the proposed work must be properly licensed under Chapter 87, N. C. General Statutes. The bidder's license number must appear on the outside of the envelope. All Firms submitting bids for this project must complete pre-qualification forms and receive pre-qualification approval by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in order to be considered for this work. Bids received from firms that are not pre-qualified will not be opened.

In accordance with the NCDOT Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise Policy, the bidder shall make good faith efforts, as defined by the Bid Specifications, to subcontract 2% **MBE** and 1% **WBE** of the dollar value of the prime contract to businesses which are at least 51% owned and controlled by minority, socially, and/or economically disadvantaged individuals (MBE/WBE's).

Potential Subcontract opportunities which may exist on this project include, but may not be limited to: Concrete, Hauling, Grading, Asphalt Paving, Erosion Control, Landscape, Curb & Gutter, Traffic Control, Excavating, Storm Drain, Pavement Markings, Suppliers and other items not specifically referenced herein.

If the bidder fails to achieve the contract goal stated herein, it is required to provide documentation demonstrating that it made a good faith effort in attempting to meet the established goals. A bid which fails to meet these requirements will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 305 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Wilmington, NC. All parties interested in the project are invited to attend.

Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents are available for review at the Office of the Purchasing Manager, 305 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor, Wilmington, NC. Plans may also be purchased at Digital Print & Imaging, Inc. in Wilmington, NC.

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Potential subcontractors may secure a list of potential prime contractors from the Purchasing Manager at the above address.

The City of Wilmington does not discriminate of the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion or disability in its employment opportunities, programs, services, or activities.

Bids for this project shall be guaranteed by all bidders for a period of 60 calendar days following the bid opening.

THE CITY OF WILMINGTON RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

Daryle L. Parker Purchasing Manager August 17, 2015